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RE: BERLIN

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AT LUNCH YESTERDAY DIXON (UK) TOLD ME HE HAD SEEN CONTINGENCY PAPER WHICH I GATHER IS SAME AS ONE ABOUT WHICH YOU SPOKE TO ME WHEN WE DISCUSSED SITUATION ON THURSDAY.

DIXON SAID HE FELT IT WAS VERY GOOD PIECE OF WORK. WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD MAKE COPIES AVAILABLE TO ME TO HELP IN OUR THINKING ABOUT BERLIN FROM UN ANGLE.

DIXON ALSO SAID HE FELT MACMILLAN WOULD, DURING HIS PRESENT TRIP, OBTAIN MUCH VALUABLE INFORMATION AND BE ABLE TO SENSE ATMOSPHERE IN MOSCOW ON THIS ALL-IMPORTANT SITUATION. HE WAS SURE MACMILLAN WOULD WANT TO TELL US ALL ABOUT IT ON HIS RETURN WHICH WOULD ENABLE US JOINTLY TO PLAN ON A MUCH MORE INTELLIGENT BASIS FOR FUTURE HANDLING OF BERLIN.

THINK IT IS OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE THAT MACMILLAN BE FULLY BRIEFED ON OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD ALL CONTINGENCIES LIKELY TO ARISE IN BERLIN SITUATION AND OUR VIEW OF THE EXTREME GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION. IF THIS HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE SUGGEST THAT AMBASSADOR THOMPSON BRIEF MACMILLAN THOROUGHLY ON OUR VIEWS SO THAT KHRUSHCHEV WILL BE LEFT WITH NO MISUNDERSTANDINGS AS A RESULT OF MACMILLAN'S VISIT.

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